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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340, RM-11683
Public Notices for LightSquared's License Modification Application and Petition

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I write to you again to urge the Commission to finally allow LightSquared to deploy their new, competitive mobile broadband network. I have followed the company's progress in the news and it appears that a final resolution might finally be in sight. I sincerely hope that the Administration will finally approve the license modification application and take any other action necessary to allow the LightSquared network to become a reality.

As immediate past President of a regional Chamber of Commerce in southeast Missouri, I am excited about the ripple effects LightSquared's wholesale business model will have on rural America. I am convinced the network will spur competition and innovation in the wireless industry, but also expand the nation's broadband capacity by reaching many underserved communities like those surrounding Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

I understand the need to protect GPS devices from interference, but it appears that a solution is finally on the table that puts this issue to rest once and for all. LightSquared will give up its rights to use the spectrum that was alleged to have caused interference with GPS devices in exchange for a sharing agreement with the government on a different band of spectrum. This seems more than fair.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Immediate Past Chairman, Poplar Bluff Chamber of Commerce

cc:
Senator Roy Blunt
Senator Claire McCaskill